

Guidelines for St. Francis Parish Cemeteries

- Purchasing of graves to be handled by contacting:

Parish secretary in the parish office of St. Francis Parish. 715.273.4774

- Current lot price: \$400.00/grave
- One body shall be permitted per grave; Two (2) cremations shall be allowed per grave.
- All coffin/body burials require a vault.
- The owner of the gravesite shall be responsible for payment of the grave opening and closing. This fee includes a one-time seeding of the burial lot. We are requiring the personnel that close the grave to mechanically compact to help eliminate the sinking of the lot area. Any sinking of the lot/need to reseed after the burial will be the ownership of the gravesite owner.
- The price paid for a gravesite will include perpetual care. Perpetual care does not include the cost of leveling, repairing or replacing monuments. The cemetery board may require a lot owner to do anything necessary to comply with rules and regulations by giving reasonable notice in writing to the owner. In the event the owner fails to comply within 20 days, the cemetery board will take ownership and recover the cost from the grave owner.
- All foot monuments to be flush with the ground.
- No monument including the foundation to exceed gravesite size. (48" for single, 96" for double)
- All **NEW** monument foundations are to have hole(s) for metal flower stands.

Note: For single graves, the monument may need to be offset to include room for the designated hole.

- Only two flower stands per monument. **NEW** monument foundations would then require a hole on each side of the monument if grave owner wants two flower stands.
- All flowers shall be planted in pots on stands (stands need to meet minimum height requirement of 24") above the ground/stands to be in line of existing monuments.
- Shepherd hooks will not be allowed.
- Solar lights are to be placed in flowerpots that are on stands.
- No watering containers to be left at gravesite.
- No planting of trees, shrubs, vines or ground plantings of any kind.
- No earth or turf shall be raised upon any grave above the general level of the lot.
- Damage done to monuments through vandalism or natural acts is the sole responsibility of the lot owner/estate owner.
- St. Francis parish will assume no responsibility for the protection, maintenance, damage or vandalism to flowers, wreaths or any items used either in funeral or interment proceedings or in decoration after the burial.
- All plants/flowers and other items that are not in permanent stands that are placed for Memorial Day will need to be removed two weeks after Memorial Day. If not, cemetery maintenance has permission to discard.
- All flowers and decorations that are not maintained and are falling apart will be disposed of by the cemetery maintenance.
- Flowers in plant stands can be placed as of May 1 and need to be removed by October 1.
- Any existing pot in a stand that is not filled with flowers (live or artificial) two weeks from Memorial Day, the family will be asked to remove the pot and stand. If the gravesite family does not remove, cemetery maintenance will move to an on-site storage area.

- Winter decorations to be placed in existing flower pots that are on stands. These may be placed from November 1 and removed by April 1.
- Statues/decorations are not to be placed on monument benches and monument ledges only. They should not be placed on the ground.
- St. Francis Parish is not liable for items left at gravesite.
- No pet walking in the cemetery.

Thank you for following the above guidelines. By following these guidelines, it will help the cemetery maintenance personnel of our cemeteries to be able to complete their work. We want to respect our loved ones and maintain a beautiful setting for their eternal rest.